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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS: AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

APRIL 30-MAY 13, 1976 MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNISIA

REF: 75 RABAT 5030; STATE 25304

1. NEITHER EMBASSY RABAT NOR CONGEN CASABLANCA KNOWS OF
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER IN MOROCCO. PARIS IS NEAREST
SOURCE FOR SUCH SKILL. EQUIPMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS
INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE AT RABAT HILTON ON RENTAL BASIS.

2. IN PARA 6 RABAT 5030 EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY INDICATED
VIEWS ON HOW TO HANDLE INTERPRETER PROBLEM MOST ECONOMICALLY.
IF ADVANCE OFFICER BRINGS FULL TEXTS AND FUNDS TO PERMIT
ADVANCE TRANSLATIONS AND SUMMARIES OF SPEECHES, EFFECT OF
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER CAN BE ACHIEVED BY USING GOOD
FRENCH SPEAKER TO READ PRINTED TEXT THROUGH CLOSED SYSTEM
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH DELIVERY ENGLISH ORIGINAL OVER
LOUDSPEAKER. BUT TO DO THIS, WE MUST HAVE FULL TEXTS
NO LATER THAN ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE OFFICER. SAME TEXTS COULD
BE USED BY TUNIS AND ALGIERS ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIES.

3. PAST EXPERIENCE STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT FIELD TRANSLATIONS
ARE (A) CHEAPER AND (B) BETTER FOR LOCAL USE. WE THEREFORE
PROPOSE THAT TRANSLATION WORK BE ACCOMPLISHED IN RABAT FOR
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ALL MAGHREB COUNTRIES.

4. ECONOMIC SECTION, USIS AND USAID RABAT CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING SEMINAR WITH JOINT GOM SPONSORSHIP ON PREMISES OF HASSAN II INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE. THIS WOULD BE COMBINED WITH DISPLAY DURING PRECEDING WEEK OF PHOTOS, BOOKS, FILMS, MAGAZINES, AND PAMPHLETS RELATED TO SEMINAR TOPIC. USAID, WHICH PREPARING TO LAUNCH PROGRAM ON DRYLANDS DEVELOPMENT, ALSO COOPERATING AS PER 75 STATE A-7008.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. TO SUCCEED IN THIS VENTURE, WE REQUIRE ASAP NAMES OF PARTICIPATING FIRMS AND TYPES EQUIPMENT THEY PROPOSE EXHIBIT.

6. COMMENT: TEAM SHOULD PLAN TO SPEND FULL WORKING DAY IN CASABLANCA INTERVIEWING POTENTIAL LOCAL AGENTS PROBABLY IN CONGEN. SUBJECT SEMINAR COMES AT PARTICULARLY PROPITIOUS TIME IN MOROCCO AND POSSIBILITY OF MAJOR SUCCESS APPEARS IN PROSPECT. REQUEST REPLY PARA 5 ASAP SO WE MAY APPROACH GOM. DEPENDING UPON INTEREST PARTICIPATING FIRMS WE CAN DECIDE FIELD TRIP TO SUITABLE FARMING AREA. EMBASSY AND CONGEN PRESENTLY SEEKING GOOD VEGETATION MAP PER JACOBSON REQUEST TO FISHER.NEUMANN

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